

*Chef George Earns Top Recognition*

## A Lifetime Achievement Award presented to George Hoek, F&B Manager at Manchebo

PUNTA BRAVO -- Veteran chef George Hoek, much appreciated Food & Beverage Manager of the Manchebo Beach Resort & Spa received a Lifetime Achievement Award on Friday as the Aruba Hotel & Tourism Association in collaboration with the Digicel Group presented the Shoco, national awards of excellence in the ballroom of the Hyatt Regency.

Chef George, says General Manager Edgar Roelofs, is our secret culinary weapon, and we are very pleased to witness his recognition as he receives the island's top professional decoration.

Hoek started at the Sheraton Aruba now the Riu Palace in '67, where he climbed up the culinary ladder to become Executive Chef. He worked at the Sheraton Aruba for 21 years. Recruited by the Hyatt Regency, he worked for the international chain for 15 exciting years, cooking at the Aruba, Detroit, Colorado, Sarasota & Miami Hyatt hotels and resorts.



At the end of a stellar career Hoek retired, played golf, shot billiard and slammed dominos, but missed the kitchen very much and decided to stage a comeback. On April 1st, 2008, he started at Manchebo Beach Resort & Spa as Executive Chef, where he reinvented the Italian Garden Terrace Restaurant, and reintroduced it as Giorgio's Italian restaurant with a

new, exciting menu, he designed a light & healthy all-day dining menu for the Pega Pega pool bar, refreshed the classic menu for the evergreen French Steak House, and tweaked all banqueting options. Chef Hoek coaches students at the hotel school as well as cooks at home for his family which adores his food. He now serves as the Manchebo Beach Resort & Spa, Food & Beverage Manager, but never strays very far from the kitchen. You are invited to sample his food in one of the resort's restaurants.

Pictured here Chef George with Bert Schreuder and Wanda Broeksma of the Digicel Group, Rob Smith, President & CEO, Aruba Hotel & Tourism Association and Doreen Kralick, General Manager Edgar Roelofs and his assistant Rita Van Volleveld.



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# AHATA and Nights Publications Announce New Official Trade Show and Consumer Magazine, Aruba Days

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and incentive markets in the United States, AHATA's marketing representatives have long wished for an informative and colorful example of the best that Aruba has to offer. Realizing the potential of just such a selling piece for the island,

AHATA approached Nights Publications.

Given the existing relationship between Nights Publications and AHATA, it was only natural for them to come together and develop the concept of Aruba Days, AHATA's new official trade show and consumer magazine. This full-size magazine will focus on the meetings, incentive, activity and tourism markets as expressed through a contemporary lifestyle magazine.

Anyone looking to get their message off-island and directly into the hands of consumer and event organizers will surely be interested in participating in Aruba Days. Twenty-five thousand copies of the magazine will be printed and distributed starting in January 2010 at upcoming trade shows for the eastern, central and southern United States. It will also be available through the Aruba Convention Bureau, whose representatives are scheduled to attend 38 shows in 2010. To further promote AHATA members, an online version of the magazine will be included on the AHATA website.

Well-respected for producing tourism and lifestyle publications, Nights Publications has produced AHATA's official tourism magazine, Aruba Nights since 2003. Nights Publications is a platinum-level member of AHATA and is also the publisher of other magazines in the Netherlands Antilles and Central America. □



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*Supervisor of the Year Rosa Maduro, F&B Supervisor at Radisson Aruba Resort Casino & Spa and Margriet Geerman, Housekeeping Supervisor at The Aruban Resort*

## Awards of Excellence Bestowed On Rosa Maduro & Margriet Geerman



PALM BEACH – The Aruba Hotel & Tourism Association in collaboration with Digicel presented the national awards of excellence for “Supervisors of the Year” to Rosa Maduro, F&B Supervisor at the Radisson Aruba Resort Casino & Spa and Margriet Geerman, Housekeeping Supervisor at The Aruban Resort. Bert Schreuder and Wanda Broeksma of the Digicel Group and Rob Smith, President & CEO of the Aruba Hotel & Tourism Association, shared the stage at the Hyatt Regency ballroom with winners in 8 different categories, presenting them with their Shoco Award on Friday evening. The awards were instituted in 2005 as the Aruba Hotel &

Tourism Association continues to promote the warmth and hospitality of the island’s people which is acknowledged by island visitors, indicating it is the key factor of their satisfaction level. The informal ceremony at the Hyatt Regency was nicely attended by the membership of the Aruba Hotel & Tourism Association. In their decision the judges explained that both Rosa & Margriet tied for first place and were equally strong candidates. Their leadership at their respective resorts and their tireless contributions to guest satisfaction convinced the judges that both were worthy of the top honors, delivering quality in service, hospitality and outstanding



individual qualities to the sustainability of Aruba’s Tourism Industry. The Shoco, Aruba’s indigenous owl is one of the island’s natural treasures, and just like Rosa & Margriet represents wisdom, resourcefulness, focus, vision and a keen sense of direction. Pictured here Supervisor of the Year Rosa Maduro, F&B Supervisor at Radisson Aruba Resort Casino & Spa and Margriet Geerman,

Housekeeping Supervisor Group, Rob Smith, President at The Aruban Resort, & CEO Aruba Hotel & Bert Schreuder and Wanda Tourism Association and Broeksma of the Digicel Doreen Kralick. □



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# Eric Wente of Wente Vineyards Visits L.G. Smith's Steak & Chop House for a Wine & Food Pairing



ORANJESTAD – Aruba's favorite American Steakhouse, the L.G. Smith's Steak & Chop House is currently presenting another culinary homage to the U.S.A., with a special fall menu.

From October 16th to November 30th L.G. Smith's Steak & Chop House,

located at the Renaissance Aruba Resort, will partner with Certified Angus Beef to present a selection of special all-American dishes, accompanied by Californian wines imported by the Arion Wine Company.

Wente Vineyards will be well represented during

the promotion, its famous wines paired with delicious, innovative appetizers and main courses created by Executive Chef Michael Gomez together with USA-headquartered Chef Peter Vaulty of Certified Angus Beef.

As part of the festivities Eric Wente, on a Caribbean cruise vacation, took advantage of an Aruba stop-over to meet and mingle with the dining room crew and personally conduct a wine tasting at the restaurant Saturday afternoon.

Founded more than 123 years ago, Wente Vineyards is

America's oldest, continuously operated, family-owned winery. Today, the winery maintains its leadership role in California winegrowing under the ownership and management by the fourth and fifth generations of the Wente family.

Blending traditional and innovative winemaking practices, the winery draws from approximately 3,000 acres of sustainably farmed estate vineyards to create an outstanding portfolio of fine wines.

Located just east of San Francisco in the historic Livermore Valley, Wente Vineyards is recognized as one of California's premier wine country destinations, featuring wine tasting, fine dining and championship golf.

"California wine and the California wine country lifestyle are recognized and appreciated worldwide," says Fourth Generation Winegrower Eric Wente. "Our family is dedicated to making superb wines, sustainably produced and affordably priced."

The family's vineyards are located in a region that is especially noted for Chardonnay, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Sauvignon Blanc, all wines in the Wente Vineyards portfolio.

Eric Wente, directs the company's diverse operations with the hands-on style that he shares with his siblings, Carolyn and Philip.

Eric has visited Aruba on a number of occasions before and played the annual Wente Vineyard Golf Tournament at Tierra del Sol. He also conducted a number of wine seminars on the island including one this weekend dedicated to the dining room staff of L.G. Smith's Steak & Chop House, tasting and pairing Morning Fog Chardonnay, Crane Ridge Merlot and Shorthorn Canyon Shiraz with Certified Angus Beef brand Prime Strip and Cold-Smoked Rack of Pork, in the presence of the Arion Wine Company representatives, restaurant manager Michael Ras, and food & beverage manager John Grigg. □



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*Give The Gift of Self-Expression*

Humanity has arrived at a critical point in its growth. We are evolving faster than ever before, which means that change is at hand. Evolution happens on a deeply personal level and everyone is different. When we become aware of our own evolution, it is natural to want friends and family to follow the same path. Exploring is always more fun with friends and family.

People are who they are, and we must allow them to express any way they want to, as long as they don't hurt others or themselves. If anyone or anything might get hurt, it is always prudent to call a qualified professional.

In most other matters, we offer a great gift when we allow freedom of expression. We each have our own realities, and we cannot force our personal realities onto others, or make them into someone they don't want to be.

By forcing your personality onto someone else, you seek to control them. By trying to control others, you open yourself up to being controlled by someone else. Control over others is bad Karma.

You cannot force information or ideas onto others. What you can do, is make the information accessible and available to them. If you leave an article on the

counter for them to read, you empower the other person to make a choice. Whether or not they receive it is up to them, but either way, they are following their own self expression.

Now comes the hard part. Once you have given them access to the information, your job is to truly not care if they are open to it or not. You are not allowed to get upset if they don't respond the way you expect or want them to. If you do get upset, it means that you are trying to control them, even if you think you're trying to save them.

With children, it is important to maintain a balance between allowing their personal expression and maintaining boundaries. Any living entity without well-defined, clear, consistent boundaries becomes unbalanced.

If you don't force your ideas onto others, others will not force their ideas onto you. If you truly love someone, let them be who they are. If the way they are upsets you, it is a sign that you are trying to control them.

The more you relinquish control and just let them be, the easier your relationship will become. The trick is to truly allow your emotions to let go. Once you gain control over yourself, you will neither need nor want to have control over others.

If your family and loved ones choose to evolve differently than you, don't worry about it. Just let them be themselves and don't impose your reality onto them. Evolution is deeply personal and everyone will evolve at different times in different ways. Be understanding and accepting of everyone's personal path. If you can let go, it's a sign that you are truly evolving.

If people are trying to force their reality onto you, first detach your emotions. Without emotion, you can see them clearly, as insecure people who need your acknowledgement to

empower them. In this light, you can have compassion for them and send them Love. You will be shocked at how quickly they detach from you. When they do, it is up to you to not cling to them. We unconsciously become attached to being under someone else's control. As much as we hate it, we can also crave it when it's gone. Be aware and be empowered.

Until Tomorrow...

~Quentin Danziger

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The course was completed in six days during the evenings owing to the work commitments of the participants.

Location for the proceedings was the San Antonio School in Santa Cruz with Argentina's Leandro Olvech, the Co-ordinator of ITTF Development Programmes being the man in charge of proceedings.

**Participants**  
A total of 14 students including one woman attended, the course participants being from Aruba, Saint Marteen and Venezuela. However, all are based in Aruba, a small island of 110,000 inhabitants with white sandy beaches, warm and

turquoise water being a self governing country within the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

**Language**  
"When I arrived I heard the language spoken and the musicality sounds like Portuguese; however I could understand much of what they said; then I knew that they speak Papiamentu, which is a mix of Portuguese, Spanish, Dutch, French and English", explained Leandro Olvech. "I was surprised that most of the Arubans are polyglots, they speak Papiamentu at home, Dutch in the schools and English because of the tourism which is the main income of the island, in addition many people speak Spanish because of the Latin-Americans tourists and immigrants mainly from Venezuela and then Colombia." Few countries can boast inhabitants that speak so many languages!

Speak Spanish

"I was prepared to run the course in English but when I started they asked me to speak in Spanish, which surprised me", said Leandro Olvech. "Aruba is called the Happy Island and it is reflected in the mood of the people, the weather is just perfect like in other Caribbean islands but not too wet because of the windy condition; there was a thermometer in the elevator of the hotel, it showed every time I used it 30 degrees, so I thought it was wrong, when on my third day I saw 29 degrees then I realized that I was wrong."

Quite an idyllic part of the world, no winter!

**Mosquitoes**  
"Because of some duties during the Parapanamerican Championships in Margarita Island I have been in the Caribbean for more than three weeks, where the weather is much better than currently in Germany where I am based,

the only negative side are the mosquitoes, that were killing me", continued Leandro Olvech. "On my first day of the course I saw some participants holding a kind of racket that was similar to a squash one, then one of them started to swing it around his legs and for my surprise some sparks appeared and then a smell of something burning, it was the mosquitoes, they used that electric racket to electrocute them: I just loved it!"

Innovation sounds but dangerous!

**Motivated Officers**  
"The Aruban Table Tennis Association is a small association led by few energetic and motivated people", added Leandro Olvech. "Marylin De Lange is the President, her brother Remy, who plays in the national team was the main organizer of the course and was helped by Rudy Raga, the national coach who is from Venezuela but also played for a long time in the Netherlands and Germany."

Certainly, the response was positive.

**Co-operation**  
"I am glad to work with Leandro and I hope the good co-operation with the ITTF continues", said Remy De Lange. "We will use this course as a milestone to spread the table tennis around the island." Equally, Sandy Ras, one of the participants was delighted.

"Keep doing the right training, for the right people, for the children for tomorrow, keep doing these courses worldwide and more people will love this game as much as we do", he said.

The view is universally endorsed.

**Practice Session Announced**  
"We were working from Monday to Saturday, people had to wake up in the morning to go to work, then they came to the course from 5.30pm to 10.30pm every evening; on Saturday we started at 8.00am and finished at 1.30pm", explained Leandro Olvech. "Then Remy de Lange, a real table tennis fan who assisted me during the course took me to a short sightseeing tour through the Island; suddenly he received a phone call, it was Rudy Raga saying that they will train that afternoon with the national team as they didn't train during the week; those guys are real table tennis fans."

**Vote of Thanks**  
Very good to hear and the response pays credit to all concerned in organizing table tennis in the island. "My thanks to the participants for the efforts during the week", concluded Leandro Olvech. "Best wishes for your development, and keep fighting the mosquitoes!" Whatever, the experience certainly stung Leandro Olvech into action. □

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ORANJESTAD – Evert Bongers is a historian at heart. As a French teacher and guidance counselor on the staff at Aruba's premier high



# The Story of Aruba's Tourism Recounted by Evert Bongers

Among his published works, Augustus Scur, describing a period of inter-island political unrest in August of 1977, and Creating One Happy Island, the story of Aruba's Tourism, recently published on the occasion of the island's 50-years-of-tourism celebration. While born in Holland, Bongers spend his early school-years on Aruba as his parents spent a few years working here. He still tells the story of a certain Sunday afternoon in the summer of 1959 when dressed in his Sunday-best he toured with his parents the gorgeous, just-completed Aruba Caribbean hotel, on Palm Beach, no doubt a life changing event, since in 1977, Bongers came back to the island as an accomplished professional. Having graduated a Dutch university, he threw himself into this community's life, as a French teacher and volunteer, organizing windsurfing



activities, races and sailing regattas, lately also serving as the emcee of the Bailey's Quiz Night, every Tuesday, at the Plaza Café, a most popular brain-teasing activity. The book, Creating One Happy Island, the story of Aruba's Tourism, privately published by Bongers has 160 pages, and is filled with historical pictures and facts, tracing the development of

tourism here since the '20s and focusing on the '50s and there on, as paradise opened its doors, and life as we know it began. Bongers interviewed dozens of people, and dug into archives, restoring and retouching long lost images and forgotten stories. While 50 years isn't much in historical terms, Aruba transitioned from practically nothing to everything in a short period in time, and in

its rush to move forward and catch up with the rest of the world, develop economically and socially, little attention was paid to the preservation of historical documentation. While "Let the Old Make Way for the New," helped the island evolve into a strong global brand, it now reached the point where nostalgia is in, and retro styles are much appreciated. Bongers,



driven to fill in the island's memory lapses and gaps, tells the story of tourism as it is, in the voices of the pioneers and the key people who made it happen. He also offers historical timelines, and statistics which prove that it's absolutely true that "If You Build It, They Will Come." The book will be available in gift and book stores, and will definitely be read in local schools, as it pays homage to

those who worked very hard to create Aruba One Happy Island, for visitors and locals. Pictured here the book launch at the National Museum attended by Myrna Jansen and her crew at the Aruba Tourism Authority and pioneers Raymond Maduro, Michael Kuiperi, Harold Malmberg, Watty Chai, Raphael Estrada, Jan de Ruyter, contributing writer Fern Pochettino and press members. □



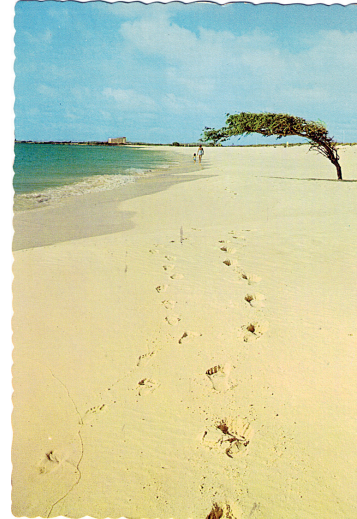
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# The French Steakhouse delivers dining under the stars

Eagle Beach – The French Steakhouse at the Manchebo Beach Resort & Spa just added another charming dining option, a tropical outdoor courtyard, featuring delicious cuisine under the stars.

The famed French Steakhouse prides itself on the elegant dining experience it offers patrons in the fully air-conditioned dining room. Yet recently the idea of adding a garden spot to the existing blueprint began to sprout in the creative mind of Executive Chef George Hoek, and he immediately recruited

the landscapers to create the intimate, lovely setting.

The French Steakhouse Ooh-La-La menu is now served indoor and alfresco, featuring creative appetizers, soups, salads, seafood dishes, poultry and the Pièce de Résistance South American & USDA Beef specialties.

Among popular appetizers the chef's Tropical Crab Cakes with pineapple & mango salsa and the Teriyaki Glazed Seared Duck Breast, served with garden greens and balsamic dressing are real crowd pleasers.



True to the restaurant's French roots, the Onion Soup is a classic, while the Honey Glazed Salmon Salad winks at the exotic East with a sweet soy dressing.

The menu features a great variety of seafood dishes from fresh fish to the totally sinful and amazingly-decadent Caribbean Stuffed Shrimp with Crabmeat and Bacon, which became an instant hit. The tequila and sweet chili glaze, lends the Jumbo shrimp a pure taste of heaven!

The French Steakhouse is naturally famous for the South American Churrasco steak, a signature preparation, which now shares the stage with juicy USDA beef specialties such as NY Sirloin and Filet Mignon. Light-eaters will find the Jerk Chicken Skewers and the Lemon Herb Broilers very satisfying.

Open seven days a week from 5:30 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. the French Steakhouse is blessed with the nicest staff and a delightfully renovated dining

room with sparkling China, crisp linen, an interesting bread basket, colossal desserts and live jazz on piano with Eddy Samson who is Aruba's best entertainer, and a walking & breathing music encyclopedia, just whistle the tune, and Eddy will produce a symphonic version of your favorite song.

Hungry patrons will appreciate the Ambassador's 5-course menu featuring the run of the menu highlights for just \$34.95 per person. [www.manchebo.com steakhouse](http://www.manchebo.com steakhouse)



## Giorgio's Ristorante Italiano introduces Menu Turistico



Eagle Beach -- Giorgio's Ristorante Italiano located at the heart of the low-rise hotels at the Manchebo Beach Resort & Spa, delivers authentic Mediterranean flavors, at a reasonable price. The restaurant has just introduced Menu Turistico a three-course dinner featuring appetizers, main courses and desserts for just \$19.95, per person, plus 15% service charge.

Patrons may choose between home made soup and Caesar salad, Fettuccini Alfredo, Lasagna Casarecia, Spaghetti alla Bolognese or any favorite pizza with Tiramisu, Cheese Cake or Ice Cream for the sweet finale.

Posing with Angelo the Italian maitre D' at Giorgio's, Mr and Mrs. Klaus, from Pennsylvania, 2nd time repeaters in Aruba at the Manchebo, the trip was a birthday present from him to her and since they are celebrating their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary in November, they are already thinking about coming back, they enjoyed Menu Turistico and recommend it wholeheartedly! □

## Pega Pega Café & Beach Bar reinvents Beach Cuisine



Eagle Beach – Pega Pega Café & Beach Bar at the Manchebo Beach Resort & Spa deserves recognition as the home of Beach Cuisine.

Executive Chef George Hoek and his culinary team serve a Sun Splashed menu on the ocean front terrace,

raising the bar to a must-visit, must-try status.

The contemporary menu, lists many favorite dishes from around the world, borrowing inspiration from US, Mexican, Thai, Jamaican, Cuban, Greek and Mediterranean kitchens, all served with a tropical, Caribbean flair.

From Sun-Sational Salads, to Cuban pressed jawbreakers and wraps, mid-day platters also include oversize Beef Burgers, Philly Cheese Steak Sandwiches and Hot Dogs.

The Pega Pega tropical &

frozen cocktail list, with fresh fruit or ice cream smoothies, daiquiris, coladas and margaritas, leaves nothing out, including Yellow Birds, Sex on the Beach and Mudslides, making a lunch-time brain-freeze, extremely easy to get!

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# No foregone conclusion

The much talked-about “Plan B” in case St. Maarten and/or Curaçao are/ is not completely ready to take on all Central Government responsibilities by the recently determined date of October 10, 2010, for new relations in the Dutch Kingdom to take effect is under fire in the Second Chamber. There is serious doubt in The Hague whether the planned approach of handling through a General Measure of Kingdom Governance tasks that can’t yet be exercised by the new countries will suffice.

While such concerns in the Dutch Parliament concerning particularly St. Maarten are nothing new, it is significant that a member of Prime Minister Jan Peter Balkenende’s CDA party openly disapproves of what Kingdom Relations State Secretary Ank Bijleveld-Schouten of coalition partner PvdA agreed on with the Antillean Government and the two Island Territories involved.

The continuation of the discussion on October 28, after the fall recess, should provide more clarity, but if MP van Bochove and other members have their way, country status for St. Maarten on 10-10-10 may not be a foregone conclusion. Especially the opposition

parties are sceptical, to say the least, on just how realistic that date is.

In referring to his motion of a year ago supported by a Second Chamber majority, in which the Dutch Government was urged to hold off on country status for St. Maarten until it has complied with conditions of proper law enforcement and administration, Bochove has once again put pressure on the entire process of constitutional reform and accompanying debt relief.

On the other hand, the most recent Political Steering Group meeting addressed the issue concerned with, for example, the decision that the Kingdom Detective Cooperation Team RST will remain after the changes take effect.

It is any case clear that when it comes to the Dutch political establishment certainly St. Maarten has some convincing to do regarding its ability and readiness to carry country status. Under the circumstances it is regrettable that the Second Chamber now says it won’t be able to receive an Island Council delegation until early next year instead of the beginning of November, but it nevertheless remains an opportunity that should be grasped with both hands. □

# Richardson promises to tackle issues in agriculture ‘head on’

PHILIPSBURG--Health Commissioner Hyacinth Richardson says he plans to tackle the issues affecting agriculture in St. Maarten and is working to revive the dormant Agricultural Station.

He made the statement in his message on the occasion of World Food Day being observed Friday. He also urged the population to focus on healthy eating habits.

World Food Day was established by the United Nations Food and Agricultural Organisation in 1979 and is observed annually. This year’s theme is: “Achieving food security in times of crisis.” “Every country should strive in one way or the other to encourage agriculture so that in times of crisis we would be able to feed ourselves,” Richardson said in the statement. “Many years ago the government of St. Maarten was very much involved in agriculture, animal husbandry and fisheries. During the last 30 to 40 years there has been little or no government involvement in the Agriculture sector.

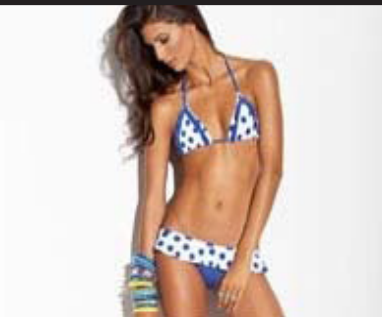
“However, over the years some people did continue involving themselves in

agriculture, but this was not in any organised manner and without the help of government. In view of [this] I have decided to tackle the Agricultural sector head-on and various plans are now being prepared to be executed very soon.”

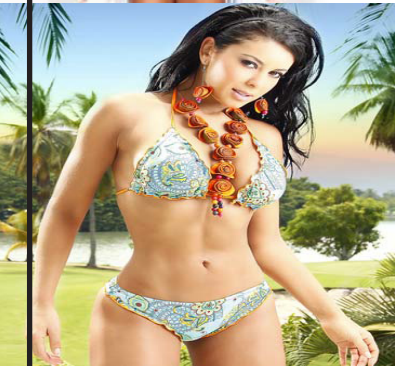
He said St. Maarten had the opportunity to become the trendsetter in agricultural innovation in the Caribbean.

“In our approach to food security we have to bear in mind the limited available agricultural land. So in order for us to achieve any level of food security, we will have to employ all of the feasible innovations in agriculture available to us. This approach is going to be applied to the sector agriculture, animal husbandry and fisheries.

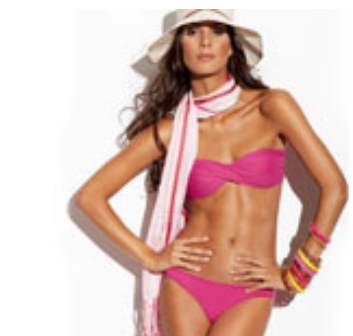
“Such approach will include hydroponics, aqua-ponics, aqua-culture and the verty-grow system. Animal husbandry will also be taken to a new level, where quality breeding stock will be made available to animal keepers to upgrade their local stock,” he said. He said government had started to revitalise the Agricultural Foundation, which has been dormant for some years□



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## Carter hits five as Young Girlz crush Netherlands Antilles 16-0



Jamaican Beverley Hamilton (2nd left, front row) presents Under-17 Reggae Girlz team captain Trudi Carter with a trophy at her home on Friday night in recognition of the team's successful campaign in the Caribbean Football Union Group B Women's Under-17 World Cup Qualifying Series here in Curacao. Other members of the team join in the presentation. (Photo: Ian Burnett)

OTRABANDA, Curaçao - Captain Trudi Carter turned in a five-star performance to lead the Young Reggae Girlz to a crushing 16-0 defeat of the host nation, the Netherlands Antilles, as the curtains came down on Group B of the Caribbean Football Union (CFU) Women's Under-17 World Cup Qualifiers here at the Ergilio Hato Stadium on Friday night.

The result left Jamaica on maximum nine points from their three wins, which carried the Girlz to the CONCACAF final-round qualifiers slated for Costa Rica next March.

The Dominican Republic finished second on six points after they annihilated Aruba 7-0 in Friday night's opening game. Aruba finished third on three points, and the hosts ended at the bottom with no point.

The Dominican Republic thus earned the right for a play-off spot with the runners-up from Group A which will be contested on a date to be announced.

In addition to Carter's five goals, which pushed her tally in three games to seven, striker Teola Caine bagged her second four-timer on

the tour to raise her total to nine strikes; wide midfielder Davia Morrison also bagged four goals to make it six, while Lotoya Duhaney, Natani Tomlinson-Traill and substitute Sh'nell Briscoe, with four goals overall, completed the rout.

The Young Reggae Girlz had earlier defeated Aruba 8-0 and the Dominican Republic 6-1.

"As I envisaged, I knew this was the weakest team in the group, but I never thought we would have scored as many goals," conceded head coach Vin Blaine at game's end. "I'm not surprised; the girls played within themselves, I don't think they gave their all because they were relaxed and this goes to show how weak this opponent was.

Sixteen goals and our team not playing at a 100 per cent," said Blaine, still not satisfied with aspects of the team's play.

The boisterous Jamaican contingent which visited the game were left in a joyous mood, as were the officials of a Cancer Society here which benefitted from a local bank which pledged 150 Guildas for each goal scored in the series. Jamaica tallied a total of 30 goals for just under US\$2,000.

Morrison opened the scoring when she stole possession on the right flank then outsprinted her defender to fire home under goalkeeper Rowina Bernadino in the third minute of play.

On 12 minutes Carter added

to the score when she stabbed home from close range after Duhaney's left-footed shot was parried into her path.

Five minutes later Carter copped a second and it was a goal of a player destined for good things.

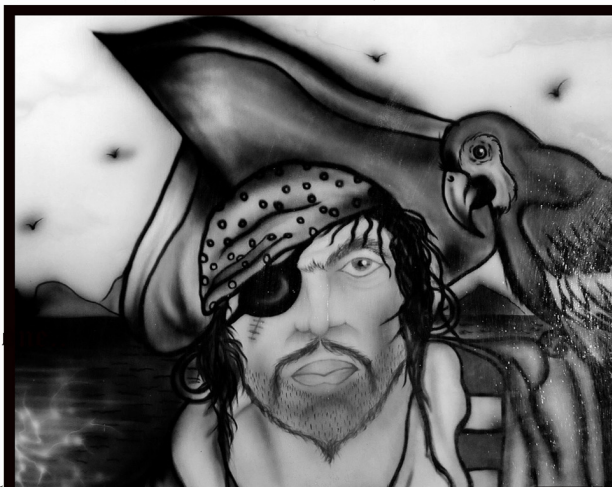
The wily attacking midfielder won possession of the ball midway her own half of the pitch and she spread the ball left to her wing back. She then floated towards the left flank where she was afforded loads of space and Peta-Gay Burrell relayed an intelligent return pass through the centre of the pitch and Carter latched onto the ball, saw Bernadino racing towards her and with the minimum of fuss, she placed the ball sweetly with her left foot around the goalkeeper and into the goal.

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### Wall St Week Ahead: Earnings blitz to test market's mettle



A sign for Wall Street in New York City. After a historic week for Wall Street that lifted the main blue-chip index above 10,000, investors are mulling whether the stock market rally is now over or just getting started.

(AFP/File/Timothy A. Clary)

By Ellis Mnyandu

NEW YORK (Reuters) – U.S. stocks could slip this week if the spate of earnings from bellwethers including Apple Inc (AAPL.O) and Caterpillar Inc (CAT.N) do not live up to heightened expectations.

After a 60 percent run-up in the stock market since March and the Dow again eclipsing 10,000, investors believe the market is priced to perfection. So if earnings fail to hold up their end, stocks could come under pressure.

“We’ve had a tremendous rally,” said Eric Kuby, chief investment officer at NorthStar Investment Management Corp in Chicago. “As we get into some of the little, bumpy earnings releases you’re going to have some headline risk and a little bit of selling pressure.”

A surprisingly strong slate of early results from companies like Alcoa Inc (AA.N) and JPMorgan (JPM.N) has given investors yet more proof of improvement in corporate America.

So all told, if this week’s results come in as hoped, sentiment might get a boost, but the mood may also just be as cautious as after results from General Electric (GE.N) and Bank of America (BAC.N), which dampened spirits.

#### EARNINGS BLITZ

U.S. stocks fell on Friday as GE and Bank of America’s disappointing results illustrated the road to economic recovery will be bumpy. Even so, indexes gained for the second straight week with the S&P 500 up 1.5 percent, the Dow up 1.3 percent and the Nasdaq up 0.8 percent. “As we get further through the earnings season you’re seeing whisper numbers rise,” said Bruce Zaro, chief technical strategist at Delta Global Advisors in Boston. “So if companies don’t blow out earnings, their stocks are going to see a sell-off.” Besides 3M and Microsoft, the week’s earnings roster also features 11 other Dow components, including

McDonald’s Corp (MCD.N), Pfizer Inc (PFE.N), Coca-Cola Co (KO.N), American Express (AXP.N) and DuPont (DD.N). On the technology front, in addition to Apple and Microsoft, the spotlight will also fall on chipmaker Texas Instruments Inc (TXN.N) and Internet retailer Amazon.com Inc (AMZN.O), whose results may reveal how consumers are gearing up for the holiday shopping season.

Web media company Yahoo Inc (YHOO.O) is also on tap, along with United Parcel Service Inc (UPS.N), eBay Inc (EBAY.O), Kimberly-Clark (KMB.N), Altria Group (MO.N) and Hasbro Inc (HAS.N). Wells Fargo & Co (WFC.N) and U.S. Bancorp (USB.

N) will also be among banks reporting. For the full earnings diary, click on

“You’re going to hear a lot about commercial real estate, with a lot of regional banks reporting their earnings,” said NorthStar’s Kuby. “Throughout this entire seven-month rally the two areas of concern that people continue to point out are the consumer and commercial real estate. We are not out of the woods with either of those.”

According to Thomson Reuters data, 61 companies in the S&P 500 had reported third-quarter results by Friday and 79 percent of them beat Wall Street expectations. Overall, S&P 500 third-quarter results are forecast to show a drop of

22.6 percent from a year ago.

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On the economic front, investors will scrutinize reports on September housing starts due on Tuesday and September existing home sales due on Friday. The Federal Reserve will release its Beige Book, an anecdotal snapshot of regional economic conditions, on Wednesday. The September Producer Price Index is set for release on Tuesday. According to a Reuters poll of economists, PPI is expected to be unchanged from August when it rose 1.7 percent. Excluding food and energy, PPI is seen up 0.1 percent, compared with a 0.2 percent advance in August. For the full economic diary, click on . □

### US budget deficit hits record \$1.4 trillion

by P. Parameswaran

WASHINGTON (AFP) – The US government closed its 2009 fiscal year with a record 1.417 trillion dollar budget deficit as it poured resources to contain a serious financial crisis that plunged the nation into recession.

The deficit was some 962 billion dollars higher than the prior year and amounted to 10 percent of US gross domestic product (GDP), the highest since 1945, officials said Friday.

The huge jump in the budget shortfall stemmed from both declining revenues and a massive ramping up of spending in a fiscal stimulus to jolt the world’s largest economy from a prolonged recession following the worst financial crisis in decades.

Receipts for the fiscal year that ended in September totalled 2.105 trillion dollars while outlays were 3.522 trillion dollars, the Treasury said.

Officials, however, pointed out that the deficit was 162 billion dollars lower than the 1.580 trillion dollars forecast by the administration of President Barack Obama, who inherited the flood of red ink from his predecessor George W. Bush.

“The financial year 2009 deficit was largely the product of the spending and tax policies inherited from the previous administration, exacerbated by a severe recession and financial crisis that were underway as the current administration took office,” Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner and White House budget chief Peter Orszag said in a joint statement.

The deficit was lower than projected “in part because we are managing to repair the financial system at a lower cost to taxpayers,” Geithner said.

“But future deficits are too high, and the president is committed to working with Congress to bring them down to a sustainable level as the economy recovers,” he said.

Orszag said “it was critical that we acted to bring the economy back from the brink earlier this year,” referring to the financial crisis that resulted from a housing market meltdown.



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(AFP/File/Shawn Thew)

The crisis plunged the country into recession in December 2007 and led to the collapse of financial and investment houses and a massive government bailout of some of the institutions.

“As we move from rescue to recovery, the president recognizes that we need to put the nation back on a fiscally sustainable path,” Orszag said.

As part of the fiscal year 2011 budget policy process, he said the Obama administration was considering proposals to put the country “back on firm fiscal footing.”

The numbers come as Obama and Democrats in Congress are trying to approve an overhaul of the US health care system, without adding to the deficit. A recent analysis of one of the major reform bills said the measure would save 81 billion dollars over 10 years.

Obama’s Republican critics have stepped up their calls for the president to abandon his key reform plans to remake US health care and combat climate change that some estimate could cost several trillions of dollars. □



# Hurdles remain as FCC ponders Internet data rules

By JOELLE TESSLER,  
AP Technology Writer

WASHINGTON - With Democrats in charge in Washington, supporters of so-called "net neutrality" rules seem poised to finally push through requirements that high-speed Internet providers give equal treatment to all data flowing over their networks. These rules — at the heart of a five-year policy debate — are intended to guarantee that Internet users can go to any Web site and access any online service they want. Phone and cable companies, for instance, wouldn't be able to block subscribers from using cheaper Internet calling services or accessing online video sites that compete with their core businesses.

Yet making that happen is proving thorny — and it's likely that the courts and perhaps even Congress will ultimately get involved.

The Federal Communications Commission is set to vote Thursday on a proposal by the agency's chairman, Julius Genachowski, to begin crafting regulations to prohibit broadband providers from favoring or discriminating against Internet traffic.

Although Genachowski has the support of the other two Democrats on the five-member

commission, his proposal has run into strong opposition from the large phone, cable and wireless companies that provide the bulk of U.S. high-speed Internet connections. Broadband providers such as AT&T Inc., Verizon Communications Inc. and Comcast Corp. argue that after pouring billions of dollars into their networks, they should be able to operate those networks as they see fit. That includes offering premium services over their lines to differentiate themselves from competitors and earn a healthy return on their investments.

Genachowski's proposal has also encountered misgivings among Republicans on the FCC and in Congress, who fear network neutrality rules could discourage broadband providers from continuing to expand and upgrade their systems. "The risk of regulation really inhibits investment," said Republican Commissioner Robert McDowell. Noting the agency's estimated price tag of up to \$350 billion to bring broadband connections to all Americans, he added: "How do we pay for all that?"

One thing everyone agrees on is that the FCC will have to sort through some tricky issues as Genachowski's plan moves forward.

One question is how much flexibility broadband providers should have to keep their networks running smoothly by ensuring that high-bandwidth applications such as YouTube videos don't hog too much capacity and impede other traffic like e-mail and online searches. In other words, when does legitimate network management cross the line to become discrimination?

Lawrence Spiwak, president of the Phoenix Center for Advanced Legal & Economic Policy Studies, a think tank that promotes free-market approaches, fears the FCC could hurt small, rural carriers that face higher costs to build out their systems. Without the ability to manage traffic, he said, these companies could be forced to make expensive network upgrades they cannot afford.

The FCC also needs to sort out how the rules would apply to wireless systems, which have less bandwidth capacity

than wire-based networks and might have greater need for traffic management. AT&T, the exclusive U.S. carrier for Apple Inc.'s iPhone, already is running into capacity challenges given the popularity of the gadget and its scores of bandwidth-consuming applications.

"There could be unintended consequences of applying net neutrality to wireless," said Christopher Guttman-McCabe, vice president of regulatory affairs for CTIA-The Wireless Association, an industry trade group.

Genachowski's plan calls for the agency to formally adopt four broadband principles that have guided the FCC's enforcement of communications laws on a case-by-case basis. Those principles state that network operators must allow subscribers to access all online content, applications, services and devices as long as they are legal. The FCC relied on those



guidelines last year when it ordered Comcast to stop blocking subscribers from using an online file-sharing service called BitTorrent, which is used to transfer large files such as online video. Comcast is challenging the FCC ruling in court.

Genachowski also wants the FCC to adopt two more principles. One would make it clear that broadband providers couldn't discriminate against particular content or applications, either by blocking them completely or by letting other traffic jump ahead in the queue. □

## EU launches digital library at Frankfurt Book Fair



FRANKFURT (AFP) - The European Union used the world's biggest book fair to launch the EU Bookshop's digital library, making more than 50 years of documents in about 50 languages available for free on the Internet.

Individuals, companies and isolated libraries from Australia to Zambia can download files dating back to 1952 when six countries created what is now the 27-member EU.

"With the digital library, we have total transparency" of EU legislative and cultural publications, Commissioner for Multilingualism Leonard Orban told AFP on Sunday.

The project also underpins

"the commitment of the European Union to preserve and encourage the history of the union in its linguistic diversity," he added.

The library's oldest document is a speech by Jean Monnet to inaugurate the High Authority of the Coal and Steel Community, the EU's precursor.

From four official languages at its start, the union now counts 23, but some publications are also available in Chinese, Russian and around 20 other languages.

Orban voiced hope that the digital library would be "an additional tool for combating prejudices."

On a practical level he added:

"No one can complain now of problems consulting legislative texts and associated documents."

Roughly 110,000 publications or 12 million pages -- the equivalent of four kilometres (2.5 miles) of bookshelves -- were scanned from EU archives from February 2008 at a cost of about 2.5 million euros (3.75 million dollars).

The library counts around 140,000 publications today, and 1,500 "born digital" ones are added each year. More pre-digital documents will also be scanned into the system.

Topics covered by EU institutions, agencies and other bodies include education, the environment, health and transport, an EU statement released at the Frankfurt Book Fair said.

Official statistics from 1953 to the present are also available. The library's contents will also be a part of Europeana, a project of prominent national European libraries and archives that Claudia Lux, president of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions called the largest digital library worldwide. □



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# "Where the Wild Things Are" tops weekend box office

## NYC neighbor sues Madonna over loud music, dancing



**FILE** - In this July 7, 2007 file photo, Madonna performs at the Live Earth concert at London's Wembley Stadium. One of Madonna's New York neighbors says the superstar's loud music and frequent dance sessions are causing a commotion. Karen George, of Manhattan, lives above Madonna in a building on Central Park. She said in a lawsuit filed Friday against the building's co-op board that the Material Girl is using her apartment as a rehearsal studio, forcing neighbors to endure 'blaring music, stomping and shaking walls,' for up to three hours each day.

(AP Photo/Anthony Harvey, File)

NEW YORK — One of Madonna's New York neighbors says the superstar's loud music and frequent dance sessions are causing a commotion. Karen George, of Manhattan, lives above Madonna in a building on Central Park. She said in a lawsuit filed Friday against the building's co-op board that the Material Girl is using her apartment as a rehearsal studio, forcing neighbors to endure "blaring music, stomping and shaking walls," for up to three hours each day. George complained about "unreasonably high-decibel, amplified music" and vibrations pouring through walls, ceilings and radiators.

The building's board says it has already threatened to evict Madonna.

Madonna's representatives didn't immediately respond to a request for comment.



By Dan Whitcomb

LOS ANGELES (Reuters) — "Where the Wild Things Are" stomped off with the top spot at the North American box office with \$32.5 million in ticket sales this weekend, according to studio estimates released on Sunday.

The Spike Jonze-directed film, based on the classic children's book of the same name, overcame mixed reviews to beat most predictions for the movie's opening weekend.

Finishing second was Overture Films' vigilante movie "Law Abiding Citizen," starring Jamie Foxx, which took home a better-than-expected \$21 million to become that studio's highest-grossing opening.

Third was the low-budget horror film "Paranormal Activity," which relied heavily on word of mouth promotion and scared up \$20.2 million in tickets for Paramount Pictures.

"Wild Things" is based on Maurice Sendak's dark but beloved 1963 book, which is lavishly illustrated but contains just nine simple sentences. Some critics knocked the film as too scary



Actor and producer Tom Hanks arrives for the premiere of the film "Where The Wild Things Are" in New York October 13, 2009.

REUTERS/Lucas Jackson

and dark for young children. And like Max, the boy who sails off to a wilderness inhabited by fanged and furry Wild Things, the movie was, to some extent, heading into uncharted waters at the box office, with some Hollywood observers unsure how it would fare.

Jonze, who co-wrote the screenplay, said that he did not set out to make a traditional children's film. The movie, which took five years to make,

combined live action, puppetry and computer animation.

Media reports last year said Warner Bros delayed the release for a year and asked Jonze to work longer on the estimated \$80 million production.

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## Depp, Richards light up Spike TV's 'Scream 2009'

By SANDY COHEN,

AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES — A larger-than-life snowglobe filled with murderous little girls, a "Battlestar Gallactica" spaceship and comic-book legend Stan Lee flying overhead on a bouquet of giant balloons — just a few signs that Spike TV's "Scream 2009" is different from other awards shows.

The star-studded event, held Saturday at the Greek Theatre, honors the best in sci-fi, horror, fantasy and comic-inspired movies and TV shows.

Fans voted online for the winners, so some of the year's most popular programs and big box-office hits took home trophies, including "Transformers," "Twilight," "True Blood" and "Star Trek." Stars of those properties and other surprise guests appeared throughout the 3 1/2-hour ceremony.

And then there was Keith Richards. Fans welcomed the Rolling Stones guitarist with a standing ovation as Johnny

Depp presented him with the Rock Immortal award.

"I liked the living legend, that was all right, but immortal is even better," Richards said in an interview before accepting the honor.

Quentin Tarantino continued the celebration of the immortal as he paid tribute to "Night of the Living Dead" director George A. Romero with the Scream Mastermind award.

Tobey Maguire presented the Comic-Con Icon award to Lee, who waved and smiled from his spider-shaped balloon platform on his way to the stage. He thanked Spike TV "for creating the Scream awards and for telling the world how cool comic books are."

Jessica Alba, Kate Bosworth, Harrison Ford, Justin Long and Christina Ricci helped present the spike-shaped trophies. Morgan Freeman presented the Ultimate Scream award (essentially best in show) to "Star Trek" — and William Shatner shocked fans when he stepped on stage to accept the

trophy.

"J.J., I'll handle this," Shatner said to J.J. Abrams, seated in the audience, who also won best director and best sci-fi movie for "Star Trek."

"This movie was big," Shatner said. "Imagine how big it could have been with me in it? ... I'll be waiting for your call."

HBO's "True Blood" was a four-time winner, taking honors for best TV show, along with best villain for Alexander Skarsgard and best horror actor and actress for co-stars and real-life couple Steven Moyer and Anna Paquin.

"Twilight" also collected four awards: Best fantasy film, best fantasy actors for stars Rob Pattinson and Kristen Stewart (who weren't in attendance Saturday) and breakout performance for co-star Taylor Lautner, who introduced world-premiere footage from the film's next installment, "New Moon."

"Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen" won three prizes. The film was honored for its special effects, while star



Johnny Depp, right, presents Keith Richards with the Rock Immortal award at the 'Scream Awards' on Saturday, Oct. 17, 2009, in Los Angeles.

(AP Photo/Chris Pizzello)

Megan Fox was voted best sci-fi actress and Isabel Lucas was recognized for her breakout performance as an evil shape-shifting robot.

Since the ceremony wasn't televised live, stars were free to use four-letter words — and Tarantino, Woody Harrelson and "True Blood" creator Alan Ball did. "Scream 2009" will be edited into a two-hour special set to air on Oct. 27. Hundreds of fans dressed as vampires, zombies, mummies

and monsters filled the seats inside the amphitheater. "Scream" is their show, said executive producer Casey Patterson.

"It's fun because of the fans. You couldn't point to a group more passionate, more invested, or more deserving," she said, noting that sci-fi, horror and fantasy films are often overlooked at other awards shows. "These fans have waited a long time to see their heroes honored." □





Larimer County Sheriff Jim Alderden speaks at a news conference in Fort Collins, Colo., Sunday, Oct. 18, 2009. Alderden said it was a hoax when parents reported that their 6-year-old son was in a flying saucer-like helium balloon hurtling away from their home when he was actually hiding in the garage.

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## Sheriff: Boy-in-balloon was a hoax, charges expected

DAN ELLIOTT,  
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FORT COLLINS, Colorado (AP) — The story that a little boy had floated away in a giant helium balloon was a hoax concocted to land a reality television show, authorities said Sunday, and the boy's parents will likely face felony charges.

The stunt two weeks in the planning was a marketing ploy by Richard and Mayumi Heene, who met in acting school in Hollywood and have appeared on the ABC reality show "Wife Swap," Larimer County Sheriff Jim Alderden said. The Heenes have reportedly been working on a reality TV deal in Los Angeles.

Investigators are examining the possibility of other conspirators, "including the possibility that even some of the media outlets may have had some knowledge about this," Alderden said.

Documents show that a media outlet has agreed to pay money to the Heenes with regards to the balloon incident, Alderden said. He didn't name the media outlet, but said it was a show that blurs "the line between entertainment and news." It wasn't clear whether the deal was signed before or after the alleged hoax, or whether that media outlet was a possible conspirator.

Six-year-old Falcon Heene may not have even

been hiding in the rafters of the family's garage during the intense five-hour search for him Thursday, Alderden said.

"For all we know he may have been two blocks down the road playing on the swing in the city park," the sheriff said.

The stunt temporarily shut down Denver International Airport and caused the National Guard to scramble two helicopters in an attempt to rescue the boy, who was believed to be inside the flying-saucer shaped homemade balloon that hurtled more than 50 miles (80 kilometers) across two counties.

The drama played out on live television to millions of viewers worldwide. When the balloon landed without the boy in it, officials thought he had fallen out and began a grim search for his body.

In fact, the balloon — which was held together with duct tape — would not have been able to launch with the 37-pound (17-kilogram)-boy inside, Colorado State University physics professor Brian Jones has determined.

The parents weren't under arrest, the sheriff said. He said he expected to recommend charges of conspiracy, contributing to the delinquency of a minor, making a false report to authorities and attempting to influence a public servant. Federal charges were also possible.

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## Obama looking at all options for creating jobs



Detroit residents fill out forms to apply for federal stimulus funds at Cobo Center in Detroit, Wednesday, Oct. 7, 2009. Scuffles erupted and several people were treated for fainting and exhaustion as thousands of Detroit residents tried to apply for free federal money.

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DOUGLASS K. DANIEL

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama is considering all options to create jobs, including another stimulus package, while trying to pull the economy out of a deep recession and deal with a record deficit, White House advisers said Sunday.

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At least 30 killed, another 28 hurt in Iran terrorist attack

Iranian medical personnel bring an injured person to a medical facility in the Pishin district in Iran in this image taken from TV Sunday Oct. 18, 2009.

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## Iran bombing kills five Revolutionary Guard leaders

ALI AKBAR DAREINI

BRIAN MURPHY

Associated Press Writers

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — A suicide bomber killed five senior commanders of the powerful Revolutionary Guard and at least 37 others Sunday near the Pakistani border in the heartland of a potentially escalating Sunni insurgency.

The attack — which also left dozens wounded — was the most high-profile strike against security forces in an outlaw region of armed tribal groups, drug smugglers and Sunni rebels known as Jundallah, or Soldiers of God.

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In this photo provided by ABC News, White House adviser David Axelrod appears for an interview with George Stephanopoulos on ABC's This Week, in Washington, Sunday, Oct. 18, 2009.

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With more than half of the \$787 billion recovery package yet to be spent, Obama aides said the administration is not ready to commit to additional

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measures.

"Everything is on the table," senior adviser Valerie Jarrett said. "You've got this huge national deficit and we've got to do what we can to bring that down. At the same time, it's important to stimulate the economy," Jarrett said. "Let's wait and see. Let's let the recovery bill do its job."

Unemployment stands at 9.8 percent, with more than 4 million jobs lost this year. The deficit has reached \$1.4 trillion and the national debt \$11.9 trillion.

Adviser David Axelrod cited progress on reviving the economy, with expectations for growth in the third quarter this year. But he warned that the government should not make the mistake of ending its recovery initiatives too early at the risk of sending the economy back into recession.

"That doesn't mean that we don't look to the mid- and long-term for deficit reduction," Axelrod said. "We have a stimulus program in place, an economic recovery program in place, that is not even 50 percent through. We have to see that through. And we'll see what other measures we need to take."

In appearances on the Sunday news programs, the advisers criticized those Wall Street firms that are paying huge amounts in compensation and benefits after accepting taxpayer assistance. Goldman Sachs, for example, has said it has set aside \$16.7 billion for compensation so far this year, more than \$500,000 per employee. Citigroup is paying \$5.3 billion in bonuses to its employees and Bank of America \$3.3 billion.

"I think the American people have a right to be frustrated and angry," said Rahm Emanuel, the White House chief of staff.

Emanuel and the chairman of the Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee, Sen. Chris Dodd of Connecticut, said the compensation issue comes as banks and other financial institutions oppose efforts by the president and Congress to put in place regulations designed to prevent the kind of financial meltdown that began last year.

"They have a responsibility to the whole system," Emanuel said. "And it starts with not fighting the financial regulatory system and the reforms that are necessary to protect consumers, homeowners

and others."

Dodd criticized banks for failing to make more credit available to small businesses and others.

"When you see these bonuses being paid out, it's a source of outrage in the country, and it should be. What are these people thinking about at these companies?" he said.

Dodd said he hopes that Kenneth Feinberg, the Treasury Department's point man on compensation, can take action that will lead the firms to reconsider their compensation plans.

Sen. Judd Gregg of New Hampshire, the ranking Republican on the Senate Budget Committee, said he believes procedural differences holding up an extension of unemployment benefits will be resolved soon. He said a way to cover an extension without adding to the deficit has been determined, but he offered no specifics.

Gregg said the latest deficit figures are evidence of "growing the government too much."

"This deficit is driven by us. I mean, you talk about systemic risk. The systemic risk today is the Congress of the United States," he said. □



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# Third person dies in Ariz. sweat lodge; suit planned

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Associated Press Writer

FLAGSTAFF, Arizona (AP)

— The family of a Minnesota woman who died more than a week after being overcome in an Arizona sweat lodge ceremony said Sunday that she prided herself on leading a healthy and active life.

Liz Neuman, 49, of Prior Lake suffered multiple organ damage and was in a coma before she died Saturday at a Flagstaff hospital. She was among dozens crowded into the sweat lodge on Oct. 8 at a resort just outside Sedona, a town 115 miles (185 kilometers) north of Phoenix that draws many in the New Age spiritual movement.

“She always had a smile on her face and her positive attitude was contagious to those around her,” her family said in statement. “She was loved and will be missed by many.”

Louis Diesel, an attorney for her family, said appropriate measures were not taken to prevent Neuman’s death and that he was planning a lawsuit on their behalf.

“She left this world way too soon,” he said Sunday.

Self-help expert and author James Arthur Ray had rented

the Angel Valley Retreat Center for his five-day “Spiritual Warrior” event that culminated in a sweat lodge ceremony.

Between 55 and 65 people were in the makeshift sweat lodge over a two-hour period, and authorities said participants were highly encouraged but not forced to remain inside for the entire time. An emergency call reported two people without a pulse and not breathing.

Twenty-one people were taken to area hospitals with illnesses ranging from dehydration to kidney failure. Kirby Brown, 38, of Westtown, New York, and James Shore, 40, of Milwaukee, died upon arrival at a hospital. No one else remains hospitalized.

Sheriff’s investigators in Arizona’s Yavapai County are treating the deaths as homicides but have yet to determine the cause. Autopsy results for Brown and Shore were pending.

Investigators are looking into the construction of the sweat lodge, the fact that people had fallen ill at previous sweat ceremonies led by Ray and questionable medical care on site as they try to determine whether criminal negligence

contributed to the deaths and illnesses.

Authorities have said a nurse hired by Ray was directing rescue efforts including CPR when emergency crews arrived. Ray is the primary focus of the probe but others also are being investigated, Sheriff Steve Waugh has said. Ray wrote on his Facebook page on Sunday that he was deeply saddened by the news of death of Neuman, whom he had known for more than seven years.

“Liz was an amazing woman who touched so many lives” he wrote. “She’ll be cherished and remembered by all. Liz, you’re in our hearts forever. My continued love, prayers and support go out to her family in this time of grief and loss.”

Neuman had attended Ray’s events in the past and served as the leader of a Minneapolis-area “Journey Expansion Team,” according to Ray’s Web site. The teams, developed by Ray’s friends and followers around the country, meet to exchange ideas on his principles.

Ray’s pricey retreats are meant to push people beyond their physical and emotional



Investigators look over a “sweat lodge” on the grounds of Angel Valley Retreat Center, near Sedona, Ariz. Friday Oct. 9, 2009. Two people died and an estimated 19 others were taken to hospitals after being overcome while sitting in the sauna-like sweat lodge during a Sedona spiritual retreat, authorities said Friday.

Associated Press

limits, but some people have questioned whether the participants were pushed too far. The “Spiritual Warrior” event is arguably the most physical of Ray’s events, and participants paid between

\$9,000 and \$10,000 to attend. They engaged in a 36-hour fast during a “vision quest” in the nearby wilderness and were served a breakfast buffet before entering the sweat lodge, authorities said. □

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# UConn football player fatally stabbed on campus



In this undated photo provided by the University of Connecticut, Jasper Howard is seen. Howard, 20, of Miami, and another student were stabbed during a fight after a fire alarm was pulled during a university sponsored dance at the UConn Student Union just after 12:30 a.m., police said.

*Associated Press*

**PAT EATON-ROBB**

**Associated Press Writer**

STORRS, Connecticut (AP) — A University of Connecticut football player was stabbed to death early Sunday after

an on-campus dance, hours after the team's victory over Louisville.

Jasper Howard, 20, of Miami, a junior and starting cornerback, and a second person were stabbed during a fight after someone pulled a fire alarm during a dance at the UConn Student Union, police said. The dance was not related to the game, police said. Sunday afternoon, police were still looking for the perpetrator.

"We're actively following investigative leads," said Major Ronald Blicher of the UConn Police, when asked if authorities have a suspect.

UConn students were being advised to be cautious, but Blicher said police do not believe the incident was a random act of violence.

University President Michael Hogan told The Associated Press the stabbing is a tragedy for the entire university community.

"I was in the locker room

after the game yesterday. It was such a joyous moment," Hogan said. "To go from that game and such a victory to the developments at 12:30 last night is such a tragedy."

Police cordoned off the crime scene near the Storrs university's well-known Gampel Pavilion basketball arena.

Blicher said two groups were involved in the fight.

UConn police said one of their officers was approached on Hillside Road around 12:33 a.m. and told that a stabbing had occurred. Police found Howard and another person with stab wounds, university police said in a statement. The name of the second person was not immediately released.

Both were taken by ambulance to Windham Community Memorial Hospital. Howard was later airlifted by Lifestar helicopter to St. Francis Hospital in Hartford, where he died from his injuries, police said. The second person was treated and released from Windham hospital.



Richard Heene's balloon is held for evidence in the Larimer County Sheriff's evidence area in Fort Collins, Colo., Sunday, Oct. 18, 2009.

*Associated Press*

## BOY-IN-BALLOON

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The most serious charges are felonies and carry a maximum sentence of six years in prison and a \$500,000 fine. Alderden said they would be seeking restitution for the costs, though he didn't have an estimate.

The cost for just the two military helicopters was about \$14,500.

Richard and Mayumi Heene were shopping for snacks at Walmart with their three sons as Alderden told reporters that the whole thing was a hoax.

Richard Heene told The Associated Press he was "seeking counsel."

"This thing has become so convoluted," Heene said as

tears welled in his eyes. He said his wife was holding together better than he was.

The couple's attorney, David Lane, issued a statement later Sunday saying the Heenes were willing to voluntarily turn themselves in to face charges.

Lane said he advised the family against making public statements.

The sheriff said all three of the Heenes' sons knew of the hoax, but likely won't face charges because of their ages. The oldest son is 10. One of the boys told investigators he saw his brother get in the balloon's box before it launched.

Heene, 48, a storm chaser and inventor, has described himself as an amateur scientist, but Alderden said Heene has only a high school education.

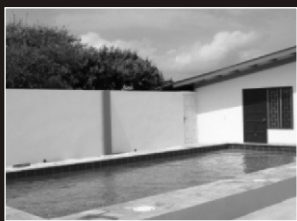
"He may be nutty, but he's not a professor," Alderden said.

Alderden said that during the drama, the family's actions led them to believe the story was genuine. But during an interview on CNN Thursday night, Alderden said investigators had an "aha" moment when Falcon turned to his dad and said what sounded like "you had said we did this for a show" when asked why he didn't come out of his hiding place.

On Friday, Falcon got sick during two separate TV interviews when asked again why he hid.

Alderden said they didn't question the family Friday because they wanted to keep the family's cooperation by maintaining the appearance that they believed their story. Richard Heene was asked to stop by the sheriff's office under the pretext that he needed to pick up his balloon, and was questioned once he got there.

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# Irish, Ugandan aid workers freed in Darfur

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Associated Press Writer

KHARTOUM, Sudan (AP)

— Two foreign aid workers seized at gunpoint more than three months ago in Sudan's Darfur were released Sunday by their captors in the third — and longest — kidnapping of aid workers in the arid region. The Irish and Ugandan women were in good health and were having medical checkups at a hospital in northern Darfur, said Sudan's state minister for humanitarian affairs, Abdel-Baqi al-Jailani.

The two women were taken hostage on July 3 in the western region of Sudan, where government forces have been battling rebels for more than six years. The Irish woman, Sharon Commins, 33, and her Ugandan colleague, Hilda Kuwuki, 42, were working for Irish humanitarian aid agency GOAL.

"Thank you for your patience. This took a long time to secure but you kept it on the agenda, discussing it as recent as this month so thank you for staying strong and keeping this issue

alive for us," said Commins in a press briefing in northern Darfur following the release.

"And we hope that humanitarian workers will continue with their good work, that the communities and everyone appreciates," she added.

The ambassadors of Ireland and Uganda flew to northern Darfur with al-Jailani, who reiterated his government's commitment to secure the safety of all humanitarian workers, the state news agency said.

Shortly after they were seized, al-Jailani had said the kidnappers were seeking a ransom and did not appear to have political motives, though on Saturday he told The Associated Press no ransom was paid. He gave no details on how the release came about, except to say it involved the cooperation of local and federal governments as well as tribal leaders in the region.

In Ireland, Commins' mother, Agatha, said she was asleep when she got a call from

a Sudanese government minister and then was able to speak to her daughter.

"Oh my God, we just jumped out of bed and we were absolutely overjoyed," she said.

She said it was a short call and her daughter sounded well: "She just said, 'Hello, Mum, I'm free,' and 'how is Dad and how are the boys?'"

The Irish Department of Foreign Affairs declined to describe the deal that won the women's release. It described both women as thin but in good health.

John O'Shea, the head of the humanitarian agency where the two women worked, also denied that ransom was paid to secure their release. He said the women were tired after their monthslong ordeal in which they were moved frequently, but were doing well.

"I've just spoken to Sharon and she's in terrific form," said O'Shea.

Irish ambassador to Sudan, Gerry Corr, is traveling to Darfur on Sunday.

"This is wonderful news for these women and their families," said Irish President Mary McAleese. "They have been immensely brave and resilient and we are all deeply proud of both of them."

It was the third kidnapping of foreign humanitarian workers in Sudan's remote western region since March, when an international court issued



In this image made from TV Irish woman Sharon Commins, 33, right, and her Ugandan colleague, Hilda Kuwuki, 42, who were working for Irish humanitarian aid agency GOAL, speak at a press conference in Al-Fasher City, northern Darfur, Sudan, Sunday, Oct. 18 2009. The two foreign aid workers were seized at gunpoint more than three months ago in Sudan's Darfur region and were released Saturday Oct. 17 2009 by their captors, a Sudanese government official said.

an arrest warrant for the country's president on charges of orchestrating war crimes there.

Aid organizations working in Darfur have preferred to work without security from the government or peacekeepers in the region to avoid appearing to be taking sides in the conflict, making them more vulnerable.

The series of abductions, along with Sudan's expulsion of 13 international aid agencies in response to the arrest warrant, struck a blow to the vital aid effort in the desert region.

Fighting has declined in Darfur, but aid agencies say the humanitarian situation remains a pressing problem.

Sudan's Arab-dominated government has been battling ethnic African rebels in Darfur since 2003. Up to 300,000 people have been killed and 2.7 million have been driven from their homes.

The International Criminal Court in the Hague, Netherlands, issued a warrant for the arrest of President Omar al-Bashir on charges he orchestrated a counterinsurgency in Darfur that included atrocities committed by allied militia. He has denied the charges and ignored the warrant.

Back in Ireland, Commins' mother, Agatha, said the family was gearing up to celebrate her daughter's release. □

## Yemen says 44 rebels killed in air strikes

AHMED AL-HAJ,

Associated Press Write

SAN'A, Yemen (AP)

— Yemeni warplanes killed at least 44 Shiite rebels in a series air strikes near the Saudi border, a senior government official said Sunday. The insurgents, however, claim the dead were civilians.

Mohammed Abdellallah al-Qawsi, deputy interior minister, said 27 of the rebels were killed by a strike on a rebel hideout in an abandoned hospital in the small town of Razeh.

The rebels, however, said the hospital was still functional and those killed inside were civilians.

"This is another lie by the government, all those who were killed were innocent civilians," said rebel spokesman Mohammed Abdel Salam by telephone.

The Yemeni army maintained rebels were shooting at the

army from the hospital.

The international aid group, Medecins Sans Frontieres, said Razeh hospital was a fully functioning facility when they evacuated their staff from it Thursday. □



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# S. Korea considers resuming limited aid to N. Korea

**By JAE-SOON CHANG**  
**Associated Press Writer**  
SEOUL, South Korea — South Korea will consider resuming humanitarian aid to impoverished North Korea but it has ruled out assistance on the large scale of previous, more liberal administrations, a senior official said Sunday. Any such assistance would be the first from the conservative administration of President Lee Myung-bak, who has linked aid to the North's progress in getting rid of its nuclear programs. For a decade, South Korea was one of the biggest donors to the North, shipping hundreds of thousands of tons of food across the militarized border every year. But aid stopped

after Lee took office last year with a pledge to get tough on the North. That prompted a dip in relations, and tensions deepened over the regime's nuclear and missile tests earlier this year. Ties have since improved. North Korea asked for humanitarian assistance at talks with the South on Friday — its first such request during Lee's government. On Thursday, South Korea's top official for inter-Korean relations indicated that Seoul is prepared to offer North Korea food aid without conditions as a humanitarian gesture. A senior South Korean official told reporters Sunday the government will consider providing limited aid to help

the most vulnerable people like infants and young children. Local media have reported that the government is thinking about sending up to 50,000 tons of food. But large-scale aid seen in the previous governments would be "going beyond the scope of pure humanitarian assistance" and is not in line with the current administration's policy on the North, the official said on condition of anonymity due

to the issue's sensitivity. North Korea, which has faced chronic food shortages since flooding and mismanagement destroyed its economy in the mid-1990s, is usually short of at least 1 million tons of food every year and has relied on outside assistance to feed its 24 million people. Relations between the two Koreas have shown signs of improvement in recent months as the North has tried to reach out to Seoul

with a series of conciliatory gestures, despite U.N. sanctions for its May nuclear test. The two sides fought the 1950-53 Korean War that ended in a truce, not a peace treaty, leaving the divided peninsula still technically at war. Their ties had significantly warmed following the first-ever summit of their leaders in 2000 before souring again under Lee. □



In this undated photo provided by the semi-official Iranian Fars News Agency, Deputy commander of the Iranian Revolutionary Guard's ground force, Gen. Noor Ali Shooshtari is seen. A suicide bomber killed a number of senior commanders of the elite Revolutionary Guard and at least 15 others in an area of southeastern Iran that has been at the center of a simmering Sunni insurgency, state media reported Sunday, Oct. 18, 2009. The official IRNA news agency said the dead included the deputy commander of the Guard's ground force, Gen. Noor Ali Shooshtari.

*Associated Press*

## REVOLUTIONARY GUARD

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President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad promised sharp retaliation. But a sweeping offensive by authorities is unlikely. Iranian officials have been reluctant to open full-scale military operations in the southeastern border zone, fearing it could become a hotspot for sectarian violence with the potential to draw in al-Qaida and Sunni militants from nearby Pakistan and Afghanistan. The region's top prosecutor, Mohammad Marzieh, was quoted by the semi-official

ISNA news agency as saying Jundallah claimed responsibility for the blast in the Pishin district near the Pakistani border. There was no immediate statement directly from the group, which has carried out sporadic kidnappings and attacks in recent years — including targeting the Revolutionary Guard — to press their claims of persecution in the Shiite government and officials. In May, Jundallah said it sent a suicide bomber into a Shiite mosque in the southeastern city of Zahedan, killing 25 worshippers. The latest attack, however, would mark the group's highest-level target. It also raised questions about how the attacker breached security around such a top delegation from the Revolutionary Guard — the country's strongest military force, which is directly linked to the ruling clerics under Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei.

The official Islamic Republic News Agency said the victims included the deputy commander of the Guard's ground forces, Gen. Noor Ali Shooshtari, as well as a chief provincial Guard commander, Rajab Ali Mohammadzadeh. The others killed were Guard members or tribal leaders, it said. The agency quoted the provincial forensics director, Abbas Amian, as saying 42 bodies had been handed over to his department. More than two dozen others were wounded, state radio reported. The commanders were entering a sports complex to meet tribal leaders to discuss Sunni-Shiite cooperation when the attacker detonated

a belt fitted with explosives, IRNA said. Ahmadinejad — who counts on support from the Revolutionary Guard — vowed to strike back. "The criminals will soon get the response for their inhuman crimes," IRNA quoted him as saying. But controlling the scrubland and arid hills along the southeastern borders is a huge challenge that has been out of Iran's reach. Drug traffickers ferry opium and other narcotics through the cross-border badlands — a key source of income for the Taliban in Afghanistan and the ethnic Baluchi tribes that straddle the three-nation region and include members of Jundallah. Iran has pleaded for more international help to cut off the drug routes and criminal gangs. Iran also has accused Jundallah of receiving support from al-Qaida and the Taliban, though some analysts who have studied the group dispute such a link.

"There is no evidence of outside help for Jundallah from wider militant networks," said Mustafa Alani, director of security and terrorism studies at the Gulf Research Center in Dubai. "It's a homegrown group that moves across the borders within fellow Baluchi tribes. It is very hard to control the border." In an attempt to boost security in the region, Iran in April put the Revolutionary Guard directly in control of the Sistan-Baluchistan Province in Iran's southeastern corner. The 120,000-strong Guard also controls Iran's missile program, guards its nuclear facilities and has its own ground, naval and air units. □

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# 7 killed, 20 injured in Puerto Rico bar shooting

**DANICA COTO,**  
Associated Press Writer  
SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — Gunmen opened fire on a crowd celebrating the reopening of a newly renovated neighborhood bar and grocery, killing at least seven and injuring 20, police said Sunday.

Dozens of people had crammed into the tiny La Tombola bar in Toa Baja, a municipality just west of San Juan, and were waiting for the band to resume playing when the assailants attacked, police Col. Jose Morales said. Among those seriously wounded were a 9-year-old girl and a pregnant woman who lost her 8-month-old fetus, he said. The justice department plans to file a murder charge for the death of the fetus, said prosecutor Wanda Vazquez, who is investigating the case.

Vazquez said the scope of the killing makes investigators believe the attack may have involved a feud between drug traffickers.

At least two armed men began shooting as they entered, and several people

inside returned fire, leaving the bar's newly renovated interior pocked with five different types of bullets, including those from an AK-47 assault rifle, Morales said. The shooting spilled outside before the gunmen fled in a car.

Three people were found dead inside and another three outside, while a seventh died at the hospital, Vazquez said.

As officials carried the uncovered body of one victim, some of the dozens of onlookers began to yell: "That's Jochi! That's Jochi!" while several women began to cry.

Vazquez said few people were willing to cooperate with police, complicating the investigation. "This is a very tight, close-knit community."

Police guarded those who were hospitalized as a preventive measure, although authorities do not believe any suspects are among them, Vazquez said.

Gov. Luis Fortuno visited the shooting victims, and he later called the attack a "senseless act."



A police officer walks by La Tombola bar after a shooting in Toa Baja, Puerto Rico, a municipality just west of San Juan, Sunday, Oct. 18, 2009.

Associated Press

"To those responsible for these actions, we are going to follow you, find you and charge you," he said at a news conference.

The killings happened just weeks after federal authorities and local police made several high-profile arrests of suspected drug

dealers. An estimated 30 percent of drugs reaching the U.S. come through the Caribbean, with Puerto Rico a popular transshipment point because drugs do not have to clear customs to reach the mainland.

Authorities say 709 people have been reported killed

this year in Puerto Rico, 65 more than during the same period last year. Puerto Rico's police chief estimates that 70 percent of the killings are tied to drug trafficking.

Nearly 4 million people live in the U.S. Caribbean territory. □



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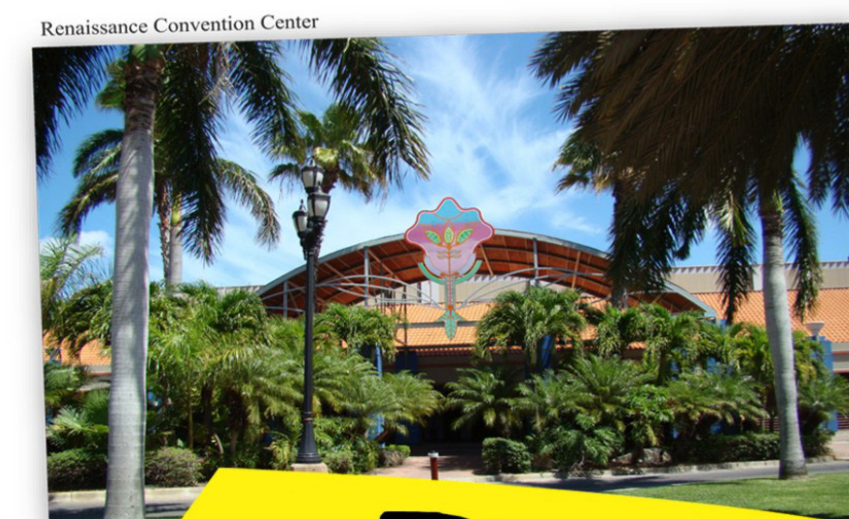
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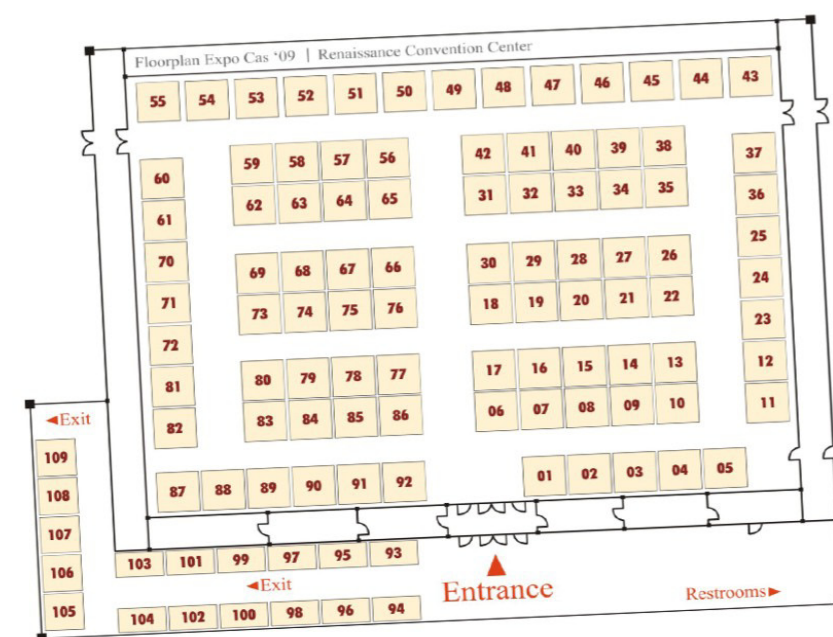


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# SPORTS

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### NFL Capsules

# Brady, Patriots get historic 59-0 win over Titans

By The Associated Press

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. (AP)—This was the Tom Brady everyone expects to see.

Brady threw six touchdown passes—five in one quarter, an NFL mark—and the New England Patriots sent the hapless Tennessee Titans plummeting to a new low in their winless season with a 59-0 win on a snowy Sunday.

Brady had five TD passes in the second quarter, a record for one period. The six touchdown throws tied Brady's own Patriots record. And the 59-point margin matched the largest since the NFL-AFL merger in 1970, the Los Angeles Rams' 59-0 win over the Atlanta Falcons in 1976.

The Patriots (4-2) gained a club-record 619 yards with Brady completing 29 of 34 passes for 380 yards.

The Titans (0-6) took their worst loss since they began play in 1960 as the Houston Oilers, eclipsing the 61-7 setback to Cincinnati in 1989. They won their first 10 games last season.

MINNEAPOLIS (AP)—Brett Favre's 58-yard completion



New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady (12) throws a pass wide receiver Sam Aiken as running back Laurence Maroney (39) and Patriots offensive lineman Sebastian Vollmer (76) block during the third quarter of their NFL football game against the Tennessee Titans in Foxborough, Mass., Sunday afternoon, Oct. 18, 2009. Brady was 29 of 34 for 380 yards and six touchdowns in less than three quarters of play as the Patriots defeated the Titans 59-0.

to Sidney Rice setup Ryan Longwell's fourth field goal, and Baltimore's Steve Hauschka missed a 44-yard field goal at the final whistle, allowing the Minnesota Vikings to remain undefeated with a 33-31 victory on Sunday.

Favre threw for 278 yards and three touchdowns, but the Vikings (6-0) nearly blew this one when they let the Ravens erase a 17-point deficit with 10 minutes to play.

Joe Flacco threw for 385 yards and two touchdowns for the Ravens (3-3), who scored

twice on drives that totaled just 56 seconds to take a 31-30 lead with 3:37 to play.

But Hauschka pushed his field goal wide left, giving the Ravens their third straight loss.

This was billed as the first true test of the season for the Vikings, who came in having beaten five teams with a combined record of 7-17. One of those victories was a Favre comeback for the ages, when he threw a TD to Greg Lewis in the closing seconds to beat the 49ers.

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Drew Brees ended his two-game streak without a touchdown throw by completing 23 of 30 passes for 369 yards and four scores Sunday, and New Orleans easily remained unbeaten, torching the New York Giants' league-leading defense.

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## Martin Laird wins playoff in Las Vegas



Martin Laird reacts after sinking a birdie putt on the third playoff hole to win the Justin Timberlake Shriners Hospitals for Children Open golf tournament at TPC Summerlin Sunday, Oct. 18, 2009 in Las Vegas.

LAS VEGAS (AP)—Scotland's Martin Laird won the Justin Timberlake Shriners Hospitals

for Children Open on Sunday for his first PGA Tour title, beating George McNeill with a birdie on the third hole of a playoff. Laird closed with a 3-under 68 to match McNeill (67) and Chad Campbell (69) at 19-under 265. Campbell was eliminated on the second extra hole. The 26-year-old Laird earned \$756,000 and a two-year tour exemption for the breakthrough victory at TPC Summerlin in his 53rd tour start. He jumped from 134th to 62nd on the money list with \$1,271,254.

Three-time Las Vegas winner Jim Furyk (62) and Jeff Klauk (68) tied for fourth at 18 under, and Charley Hoffman (68) followed at 17 under.

Laird holed an 11-foot birdie putt on the par-4 18th for the victory after McNeill hit his approach near the greenside water hazard and had an 18-foot par putt lip out. □



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# Alabama No. 1 in AP poll after jumping over Florida

By RALPH D. RUSSO

AP College Football Writer

NEW YORK – After a steady climb, Alabama has reached the top of the AP poll.

The Crimson Tide jumped Florida and landed at No. 1 in The Associated Press Top 25 on Sunday.

The unbeaten Gators had been in the top spot since the preseason, but the Crimson Tide has been gaining ground for weeks by winning more convincingly than the Gators. The final surge came after Alabama beat South Carolina 20-6 and Florida needed a field goal in the waning seconds to beat Arkansas 23-20 at home. The Crimson Tide, which received 10 first-place votes last week, got 39 out of 59 from the media panel. Florida received the other 20 first-place votes.

Texas is No. 3, followed by Southern California, Cincinnati and Boise State at No. 6. The Broncos dropped a spot.

The first BCS standings also came out Sunday and Florida was in first place, followed by Alabama, Texas and Boise State.

Unbeaten Iowa moved up four places after beating Wisconsin 20-10 on the road. Miami, LSU and TCU round out the top 10.

Alabama started the season ranked fifth, then immediately moved up a spot to fourth after beating Virginia Tech to start the season. After two weeks at No. 4, the Crimson Tide moved up another spot to No. 3.

After three weeks behind Florida and Texas, Alabama jumped the Longhorns last week and finished the climb

to No. 1 on Sunday.

Alabama was No. 1 for five weeks in the second half of last season, including two weeks when SEC rival Florida was No. 2.

The Gators, the defending national champions, came into the season as an overwhelming No. 1, receiving the highest of percentage of first-place votes ever in the preseason poll.

But Tim Tebow and the Gators have sputtered offensively and had trouble putting away the better teams on their schedule. They had 10-point victories against Tennessee and LSU before beating Arkansas on a field goal with 9 seconds left. Alabama's four SEC victories have been by an average of 19 points, with the closest margin being 14 against South Carolina.

Florida's four SEC wins have been by an average of 14 points, but that was padded by a 34-point victory against Kentucky.

"Saturday, after watching Florida give up big plays to an offense Alabama completely shut down, I decided to make the switch," said Andy Staples of SI.com. "Alabama, at the moment, seems to have fewer weaknesses than anyone else."

Alabama also has a nonconference victory against No. 15 Virginia Tech. Florida has played only one ranked team, LSU.

"I had been reluctant to make a switch at No. 1, even though Alabama has looked good all year," wrote Mike Strain, of the Tulsa World, in an e-mail.

"But after Saturday, I voted Alabama No. 1, because I think the Crimson Tide has produced more impressive

performances than Florida so far."

Georgia Tech made the biggest jump in the rankings this week, moving up eight spots to No. 11 after beating Virginia Tech 28-23.

The Hokies dropped 11 spots from No. 4 to 15. Ohio State also dropped 11 spots to 18. The Buckeyes were upset 26-18 at Purdue.


Oregon is No. 12, followed by Penn State and Oklahoma State. □

Alabama quarterback Greg McElroy (12) congratulates teammate Mark Ingram (22) after Ingram scored on a 5-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter in their NCAA college football game against South Carolina at Bryant-Denny Stadium in Tuscaloosa, Ala., Saturday, Oct. 17, 2009. Ingram ran for 246 yards in the win.

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# Davydenko beats Nadal to win Shanghai Masters



Russia's Nikolay Davydenko, left, receives the winning trophy from IOC President Jacques Rogge, while Rafael Nadal, right, look on during the award presentation on the singles final of Shanghai ATP Masters 1000 tennis tournament in Shanghai, China, Sunday, Oct. 18, 2009.

*Associated Press*

**SANDRA HARWITT**

**For The Associated Press**

SHANGHAI (AP) — Nikolay Davydenko upset top-seeded Rafael Nadal 7-6 (3), 6-3 on Sunday to win the Shanghai Masters for his fourth title of the year.

The sixth-seeded Davydenko broke decisively in the sixth game of the second set to collect his 18th career title. His flat groundstrokes and angled winners denied the Spaniard a sixth

title for this year and his first since the Rome Masters in May.

"I think I was a little bit lucky, but mostly I was playing very well today. I did a good job in three weeks in Asia," said Davydenko, who also won in Kuala Lumpur two weeks ago.

Nadal returned last week after a month out due to a pulled stomach muscle at the U.S. Open. He looked rusty Sunday, having advanced twice when his opponents retired: Ivan Ljubicic of Croatia in the quarterfinals and Feliciano Lopez of Spain in the semifinals.

Nadal had reached the semifinals at Beijing last week on his return to the tour. The winner of six Grand Slam tournament titles also was sidelined after the French Open for two months with tendinitis in both knees.

"I have my chance in the first set and I am especially happy with one thing — it's the first match after my injury comeback against one top player," Nadal said. "I really felt I really have chances to win."

"That's the most positive thing for me, and I fight all the time with a positive attitude, no physical problems. So that's very good news for me."

He dropped to 5-3 in finals this season and 4-3 head-to-head against Davydenko.

The final point of the match delivered some drama when Nadal's forehand received a late out call by a linesperson. Davydenko thought he won the match, but Nadal challenged the call.

Awaiting the decision in a crouch, Davydenko leapt up in victory when the replay showed Nadal's ball had landed long. He then ran to the side of the court to kiss his wife Irina. □



Los Angeles Angels helmets are shown during baseball practice in Anaheim, Calif., Tuesday, Oct. 13, 2009. The Angels will face the New York Yankees in the America League championship series beginning Friday in New York.

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**NFL CAPSULE**

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The Giants (5-1) came into the game giving up averages of 210.6 yards and 14.2 points. The Saints (5-0) had 34 points and 315 yards by halftime, as Brees threw three TD passes to reach 100 since the Saints signed him as a free agent in 2006.

Eli Manning was 14 of 31 for 178 yards. He lost his cool at least once, yelling at Ahmad Bradshaw and slapping his shoulder pad after the running back's lapse in protection precipitated a rushed throw that Jabari Greer intercepted early

in the third quarter, stalling a promising drive.

**Panthers 28, Buccaneers 21**

TAMPA, Florida (AP) — A week after getting their first win by beating the struggling Washington Redskins, the Panthers got another by rushing for 267 yards and three touchdowns.

DeAngelo Williams gained a season-best 152 yards on 30 carries and scored twice, including the winning TD with 29 seconds left. The 1-yard dive capped a 16-play, 80-yard drive that took more than 8 minutes.

Carolina (2-3) squandered a 21-7 lead, giving up a 97-yard kickoff return for a touchdown in the third quarter and watching Tampa Bay tie the game on Tanard Jackson's 26-yard interception return.

Once the Panthers took the ball out of Jake Delhomme's hands, Williams and Jonathan Stewart took over.

**Texans 28, Bengals 17**

CINCINNATI (AP) — Matt Schaub tied his career high with four TD passes — two to tight end Owen Daniels — and Houston pulled away to deny Cincinnati another chance to win one at the end.

The Bengals (4-2) had won three straight games in the last 22 seconds, pulling off one improbable drive after another because an opponent failed to finish them off. □

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# Investigan en Colombia unos 1.273 asesinatos atribuidos a militares

BOGOTA (AFP) - Las autoridades de Colombia investigan unos 1.273 asesinatos de civiles atribuidos a militares, aunque "se cree que serían más de 2.000" las víctimas de miembros del Ejército, que presentaron a inocentes como guerrilleros abatidos en combate, señaló el domingo el diario El Tiempo.

El rotativo añadió, citando fuentes de la Fiscalía, que 48 de esos militares se exponen a una pena de 60 años de prisión cada uno.

La Fiscalía solicitará a la Justicia que imponga ese castigo a dos coroneles, un mayor y otros 45 miembros del Ejército implicados en un escándalo de violación de los derechos humanos conocido en Colombia como los 'falsos positivos' que estalló hace un año en la ciudad de Soacha, próxima a Bogotá.

Según el diario, el organismo "está listo" para acusar a los militares por trece de los "más de 30" asesinatos de jóvenes reclutados en Soacha y llevados a diversas regiones del noreste del país, donde fueron presentados por los jefes militares como guerrilleros izquierdistas abatidos en combates.

Los militares afrontarán cargos de homicidio agravado, concierto para delinquir (conspiración), desaparición forzada y falsedad, indicó El

Tiempo.

Una fuente de la Fiscalía dijo por teléfono a la AFP que no podía corroborar de inmediato la versión del periódico, pero indicó que el organismo se dispone a "producir acciones concretas" en el caso de los 'falsos positivos'. El anuncio de la inminente acusación contra los militares se produce en momentos en que entidades humanitarias denuncian que la impunidad se cierne sobre el 'caso de Soacha', uno de los más graves ocurridos durante el gobierno del presidente Álvaro Uribe, en el poder desde agosto de 2002 y quien lleva a cabo una política de 'seguridad democrática' contra los grupos armados ilegales.

El viceministro colombiano de Defensa, Sergio Jaramillo, declaró a El Tiempo que el gobierno ha tomado acciones "efectivas" para corregir las fallas y dijo que la investigación oficial del 'caso de Soacha' estableció que se incumplieron "de manera crasa los reglamentos y procedimientos militares más básicos".

A raíz del escándalo de los 'falsos positivos' han sido destituidos desde noviembre de 2008 decenas de militares, entre ellos cuatro generales. □



Un soldado colombiano en Valle del Cauca en 5 de setiembre de 2009. Al menos cinco militares y trece guerrilleros de las FARC murieron en la última semana en los combates que se desarrollan en una región montañosa del suroeste de Colombia

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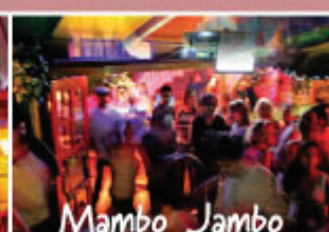
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